

CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON UPDATE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

The City of New Carrollton continues to prepare for and monitor the Covid-19 (coronavirus disease) outbreak. The City is following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and state and county health department's guidance to ensure we are aware of the latest information and recommended action for our area.

As of March 12, 2020 there are 12 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Maryland, including four in Prince George's County. The CDC recommends that the general public continue to practice everyday actions (like washing hands often and staying home if sick) to prevent illness. For a full list of those actions, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Many City services like ticket payments, permits, applications, scheduling of special trash collections, and more can be done via our website (www.newcarrolltonmd.gov) or via phone (Administration: 301-459-6100 * Public Works: 301-577-1008 * Police: 301-459-0142). We encourage our residents to utilize those resources prior to visiting any City facility.

To help reduce the risk of transmission, the CDC has recommended social distancing measures including reducing activities particularly for those with increased risk of several illness. On March 12, 2020, Governor Larry Hogan issued an executive order prohibiting all events of more than 250 people. The safety of our residents and staff are our foremost concern. We regret to announce the cancellation of the following events, activities and services:

- Breakfast with the Chief (March 14);
- Arbor Day Event (April 1);
- Spring Festival (April 4);
- Public attendance at Council Meetings (March 16 & 18 & April 1)*;
- Rental of City facilities and use of City facilities for community meetings until further notice;
- Monthly City Board and Committee Meetings for the next 30 days or until further notice;
- Notary services until further notice;
- Code Enforcement inspections or re-inspections;
- Seniors Food Program (run by Prince George's County).

The City will hold its regular City Council Workshop Meetings on March 16 and April 1 and its City Council Legislative Meeting on March 18. All three meetings will be televised on our cable channels (Comcast 71 and Verizon 30), phone in comments allowed at the end of each meeting, and the videos will be posted on our website. The City will be **restricting visitors** from attending the public meetings to invited guests on the agenda only. This is both for the residents/visitors health and safety as well as that of our City Council, Mayor and staff.

If you have questions about the upcoming election, absentee voting, or other issues, please contact City Clerk Doug Barber at 301-459-6100 or dbarber@newcarrolltonmd.gov.

As of now, the following services and activities will continue and not be disrupted:

- Mayor and Council meetings (no public attendance);
- Police patrols and emergency response;
- · Regular refuse, recycling and special trash collections;

- Seniors Transportation Services for essential trips (doctor visit or Rx only);
- Code compliance; and
- Parking enforcement.

As the situation continues to evolve, the City will continue to update the public as necessary. Please visit the City's website (www.newcarrolltonmd.gov) and follow the City's Facebook (www.fb.com/cityofnewcarrollton) and Twitter (@newcarrolltonmd) for the latest and most up-to-date City news and information.

The City would like to remind residents to only share accurate information from the CDC, state or county health departments to reduce misinformation. For the latest and most accurate information about this evolving situation, visit the CDC, state and county health department websites:

- CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- Maryland Department of Health: health.maryland.gov/coronavirus
- Prince George's County Department of Health: health.mypgc.us/coronavirus